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Administration put wages and prices in refrigerator rather than deep-freeze. Merely a cooling-off action, with no pretense of finality. To what degree we have "control" remains to be seen.

How long? No one can know, but barring full-scale war, the official thinking is that curbs can be loosened in 2-3 yrs. There's rather gen'l agreement on point that '51 is critical yr. If Russia does not strike now, our relative position yr hence should be much stronger and prospect of conflict correspondingly less. Talk is that when we build defense and expand production, we can abandon price & wage controls. Pessimists point to practical difficulties involved in getting any administration to "thaw" controls. Political patronage, etc. Since we've never before had this situation in peacetime, there's no precedent . . .

Your Congressmen are plenty worried. Within past fortnight, constituents have been registering emphatic dissatisfaction with our foreign policy. They express fear we are being drawn into war with China. Unhappily, there isn't much Congress can do about it. Initiative rests with the President. Theoretically, Congress can veto, but power of the Executive for independent action is now very great. Besides, legislators can't get together on alternative program.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Sen ESTES KEFAUVER, chmn Crime Investigating Comm: "We feel we have accomplished our mission—to learn whether crime is organized and interstate—but the final accomplishment will not come until we can get legislation which will effectually destroy the octopus of crime." 1-Q

Prof HOWARD MUMFORD JONES, of Harvard: "Ours is an age which is proud of machines that think, and suspicious of any man who tries to." 2-Q

LYLE B MARCHAND, news editor, *Boston Globe*: "For 450 yrs the East has been dominated, exploited, and subjugated by Western civilization. The people of Asia hate the white man as a race because of these 450 yrs of dominance." 3-Q

Rep DEWEY SHORT, of Mo, in urging that spiritual and moral building keep abreast of mat'l advancement: "You can't shoot a philosophy or wipe it out with an atom bomb." 4-Q

MARRINER S ECCLES, mbr Fed'l Reserve Bd, arguing for higher interest rates: "You don't hesitate to pay labor higher wages. You don't hesitate to pay defense contractors what they demand. You don't hesitate to pay parity to farmers. Why should investors get no consideration as the value of the dollar goes down?" 5-Q

Maj-Gen LEWIS B HERSHY, Selective Service Director: "We need killers. I prefer to tell the truth bluntly than to try to make young men think they're going on a picnic when they go into the service." 6-Q

Gen J LAWTON COLLINS, Army Chief of Staff: "The corner pool room in a small town is far more dangerous (to a draftee) than any Army post I've ever lived on." 7-Q

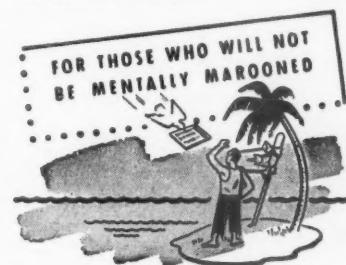
Maj Gen R H SOULE, comdr U S 3rd Div in Korea: "Not only can we lick (Chinese) militarily, but we can lick them politically as well, if we get a good propaganda program started." 8-Q

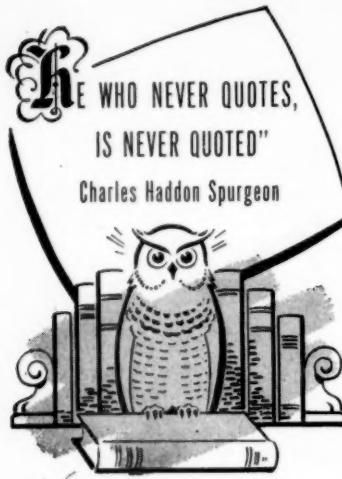
Rep JOS MARTIN, of Mass, referring to price-wage-freeze: "The primary effect . . . is to freeze a hole in every family pocket book." 9-Q

HYGH BRYSON, pres, Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, condemning wage-price freeze: "It will take a lot of red tape to get a few pennies but price increases will mount into dimes and dollars." 10-Q

Mrs MADELINE EHLERS, N Y housewife, referring to the price freeze: "It stinks. They're taking everything at the highest level possible and it looks like a sell-out to the special interests." 11-Q

SIDNEY WIESNER, Lone Rock (Wis) weatherman, asked how residents fare with record temp of -53°: "We just shake and hope for warmer weather." 12-Q





ACHIEVEMENT—1

Nothing fails like worldly success. My study of 21 civilizations has convinced me that cultures are healthy only when they are creative. The civilization that solves its problems and rests on its oars has a sad future if it does not respond to the next challenge with a different answer. — ARNOLD J TOYNBEE, British historian, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

AGE—2

You learn that you are really aging when the woman with whom you are dancing tells you that she doesn't care for younger men. — *Pourquoi Pas?*, Brussels, Belgium. (QUOTE translation)

AMBITION—3

It is right to be contented with what we have, never with what we are. — SIR J MACKINTOSH, British statesman & historian, quoted in *Good Housekeeping*.

ARGUMENT—4

An argument is two people trying to get the last word first. — *American Horologist & Jeweler*.

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ARMED FORCES—5

American people were shocked when Korea revealed that billions appropriated for nat'l defense since war's end had bought practically nothing in fighting equipment. If military leaders had been heads of corp's stockholders would have risen up and thrown them out. But taxpayers are more tolerant—and more lazy-minded. — BRUCE BARTON, *King Features Syndicate*.

ATOMIC AGE—Defense—6

The truth is that there is a defense against atomic weapons. Basically it is the same as the defense against submarines or enemy bombers—destroy them before they reach you . . . With the aid of the vast stretches of the Atlantic and the Pacific, augmented by an effective radar and interceptor system, on the one hand, and with effective counter submarine measures on the other, the odds would be against a single A-or H-bomb reaching our shores. — WM L LAURENCE, *The Hell Bomb*. (Knopf)

BEHAVIOR—7

(The people with whom you work) reflect your own attitude. If you are suspicious, unfriendly and condescending, you will find these unlovely traits echoed all about you. But if you are on your best behavior . . . you will bring out the best in the persons with whom you are going to spend most of your waking hours. — BEATRICE VINCENT, *Make Mine Success!* (Doubleday)

BROTHERHOOD—8

We talk about big bridges of brotherhood around the world in answer to the communist pretensions, and that's a splendid vision. But brotherhood begins on a man-to-man basis at home and not on a man-to-man basis across the oceans. Without that footing it is idle talk and an empty vision. — ERIC JOHNSTON, Gen'l Chmn, Brotherhood Wk, Recreation.

CHILDREN—9

Children are the only people wise enough to enjoy today . . . without regretting yesterday or fearing tomorrow. — *Coin Machine Journal*.

CHURCH—Attendance—10

"Please do not leave hats and coats here unless attendant is on duty. Thieves sometimes come into the church to prey." — Sign in cloakroom, Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Okla.

COMMUNISM—China—11

If the population of China is 400,000,000, it is accurate to say that 390,000,000 Chinese are not Communists. — Bishop RALPH A WARD, "China Builds a New Wall," *Christian Advocate*, 1-18-'51.

Tongue Tide

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak, can crush and kill." declares the Greek.

"The tongue destroys a greater horde," the Turk asserts, "than does the sword."

The Persian proverb wisely saith, "A lengthy tongue, an early death." Or sometimes takes this form instead: "Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed," says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed."

While Arab sages this impart: "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew wit the maxim sprung, "Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue."

The sacred writer crowns the whole: "Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul." — *Highways of Happiness*.

CONSCIENCE—13

While the delicacy of conscience and the instinctive power of reaction against evil, which is the

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measure of virtue, is slowly extinguished, minds are darkened and they culpably drift towards views of the world and of life absolutely irreconcilable with those laws of Christian wisdom that for 20 centuries have formed the honor and greatness of nations.—POPE PIUS XII.*

COUNSEL—14

Experts should always be kept on tap, but never be allowed on top.—SUMNER T PIKE, U S Atomic Energy Comm, *Phi Delta Kappan*.

DRINK—Drinking—15

These 4 suggestions are enclosed with copy for newspaper liquor ads sent out by a nat'l adv'g agency:

1. Sports page preferred.
2. Copy must be kept away from other liquor adv'g.
3. Copy must be kept away from stomach-distress adv'g.
4. Copy must also be kept away from news items on drunken driving, death notices, church items, anti-liquor articles, etc."

FAITH—16

No venture can move an inch without a prior act of faith, for faith is life's thrust into an always hidden future.—GEO A BUTTRICK, "The Venture of Faith," *Phi Delta Kappan*, 1-'51.

FAME—17

After a fellow gets famous it don't take long for someone to bob up that used t'set by him in school.—KIN HUBBARD, quoted in *Woman's Home Companion*.

FRIENDSHIP—18

"A for'gner," as one child said, "is just a person you don't know." —K V P Philosopher, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

GIFTS—Giving—19

No man really gives unless the things he gives could be of use to himself. The more useful it is and the more desirable, the greater becomes its value. He who gives such things that he doesn't value or has no use for in reality has given nothing.—EARL E MARQUISS, Editor, *Way of Truth*.

GOV'T—Debt—20

The Fed'l debt is approx \$258 billion. This means \$7,000 for every family in America and \$4,500 for

every employed person. There are 45 million Americans who pay Fed'l income taxes. If each were forced to pay \$125 to-morrow, the resulting fund would not be sufficient to pay the interest on the debt for '50.—*Future*.

They say . . .

Metropolitan centers are rapidly adopting the 10-cent phone call, thus retiring the renowned wisecrack: "One thing you can still get for a nickel is the wrong number." . . . Civilian Defense execs find public interest less than lukewarm. N Y City reports: "We need 72,000 to man 1st aid stations; only 35 have volunteered." . . . Circulation of *Daily Worker*, Communist newspaper, has fallen below 14,000; must soon suspend unless heavily subsidized by party . . . Massachusetts, ever a protector of Propriety, is concerned over entertainment displayed on television. Since state can't censor programs originating elsewhere, they're plaguing FCC to set higher standards — and necklines . . . Oregon legislature considers bill requiring barbers to be high school grads. Says the sponsor: "They need an education to provide good conversation." . . . Shed a bitter tear for purveyors of paper. For yrs they've been trying to establish custom of dispensing beer in paper cups. Last wk, scheduled test in Hackensack, N J taverns had to be called off — no cups available . . . Worshipers of Crerar Memorial Presbyterian Church had spent an hr in ceremonies dedicating their new bldg, when the Rev WARREN G STUDER stepped to the pulpit. Taking his text from the words of CHRIST to JUDAS, "What thou doest, do quickly," the Rev STUDER set a new record. His sermon lasted exactly 90 seconds.

HEALTH—Mental—21

Dr Richard H Hoffman, of N Y, states that civilization's 3 greatest killers are not heart disease, cancer and accidents but calendars—ever reminding of deadline dates; telephones—jangling the nerves into fatigue; and clocks—inciting the urge to hurry—*Bakers Review*.



America's postal service is older than its Constitution. In 1775, a yr before the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress decreed that "The United States in Congress assembled shall have the sole and exclusive right and power of establishing and regulating post offices from one state to another." BENJ FRANKLIN was named the 1st Postmaster Gen'l and instructed to organize the service.

Fifteen yrs later there were, in all 13 states, only 75 post offices, and the entire annual receipts of the service am'ted to \$25,000. A single letter was carried 30 mi or less for 6 cts; from 30 to 80 mi's the charge was 10 cts; 80 to 150 mi's, 12½ cts; from 150 to 400 mi's, 18¾ cts; over 400 mi's, 25 cts. This was for a single sheet of paper. Letters containing 2 sheets were charged double. Until 1847, when postage stamps were authorized, the recipient paid the charge on del'y. The couriers on their appointed rounds were, in those days, neither swift nor sure. The Congress, on Feb 4, 1815 1st rec'd news of the Battle of New Orleans, which had been fought Jan 8th.

Just 100 yrs ago (Mar 3, 1851) there came a change that completely revolutionized the postal system. Congress, after a long and heated debate, voted to lower postage rates to 3 cts for distances up to 3,000 mi's. This gave the nation virtually a flat postage rate, and revenues of the Post Office Dep't doubled and trebled fantastically in the yrs that followed.

In these troubled times it is worth noting that letter postage remains one of the very few services available today at a price no greater than our forbears paid a century ago.

THE GEM Box

Men in Battle

GERALD KERSH

How much of a battle can a soldier witness? If a man is swimming for his life, how much of the ocean does he see? Half a dozen perilous yds in front of him, a few menacing it to the right and the left of him, perhaps; while as for what lies behind him, he knows nothing and has not time to guess. He is straining every muscle and nerve in order to keep alive. If anger, or fear, or the excitement of combat have not crowded out all other emotions, he may occasionally feel a certain astonishment at not being dead. Mr Mann has always believed that the peculiar dull silence of old, scarred warriors is not the silence of sick horror but the silence of vague emptiness—the half-shamefaced silence of men who cannot think of anything to say. A soldier can only speak of what he alone has done, and this may be told in a few sec's, because there is not very much for one man to do. When the moment comes, the fierce moment of bloody contact, every man is alone in his own red mist with his own desperate enemy. The beautifully coordinated army breaks up for a little while into life-histories.—*Faces In a Dusty Picture*. (McGraw-Hill)

IDEAS—22

We value those who know things, not those who know most things, but those who know best. Anyone may have a great many ideas, but to have an abundance of good ideas, that is valuable. Anyone may be a burro laden with letters.—JOVEL-LANOS, quoted in *Mundo Argentino*, (QUOTE translation)

IGNORANCE—23

When you combine enthusiasm and ignorance, you have trouble.—*Banting*.

INFLATION—24

"Device tells pilot which way is up." No need for instruments; just follow prices.—*Springfield Republican*.

INTELLIGENCE—25

All of us are prisoners of things we were taught in school that aren't true. For example, one American geography has described Costa Rica as a small backward country that assassinates its presidents. Actually more presidents have been assassinated in the U S than in Costa Rica.—LUTHER H EVANS, *Phi Delta Kappan*.

KNOWLEDGE—26

Intelligence is like a river . . . the deeper it is, the less noise it makes. — *Gilcrafter*, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.

LAUGHTER—27

The most utterly lost of all days is the one in which you have not once laughed.—*Woodmen of the World Mag*.

LIFE—28

Business is but a means to an end. It's but the occupation by which you are to exercise and develop your God-given qualifications and talents. It is the arena in which you are to practice day in and day out for the great race of the world—the successful life.—WALTER H COTTINGHAM, *Nat'l Canvas Goods M'r's Review*.

LUCK—29

If you believe that horseshoes are lucky, don't overlook the fact that the last horse in every race has 4 of them.—*Optimist*.

MARRIED LIFE—30

The rich man employs a butler, a valet, a sec'y, a laundress, a cook and a housekeeper; the poor man just gets married.—*Powerfax*, hm, Elliott Co.

MARRIED LIFE—31

Author C Van Riper came up with figures on conversation—male and female. In his *Teaching Your Child to Talk*, he noted that, before marriage, a woman uses an average of 10.3 words in each

utterance to a male; after marriage, 19.7. On the other hand, a man, before marriage, speaks 5.2 words; after, 2.0. The husband's 2 words, guessed *N Y Times* man David Dempsey: "Yes, dear."—*Quick*.

MIND—32

A man's mind may be likened to a garden, which may be intelligently cultivated or allowed to run wild; but whether cultivated or neglected, it must and will bring forth. If no useful seeds are put into it, then an abundance of useless weed-seed will fall therein, and will continue to produce their kind.—JAS ALLEN, "Know Thyself," *New Outlook*, 12-'50.

OPPORTUNITY—33

Waiting in a steamship office to be interviewed for a job as wireless operator, a group of applicants filled the room with such a buzz of conversation that they were oblivious to the dots and dashes which began coming over a loudspeaker. About that time another man entered and sat down quietly by himself. Suddenly he snapped to att'n, walked into the private office, came out smiling.

"Say," one of the crowd called out, "how'd you get in ahead of us? We were here first."

"One of you would have got the job," he repl'd, "if you'd listened to the message from the loud-speaker."

"What message?" they asked surprised.

"Why, the code," the stranger ans'd. "It said, 'The man I need must always be alert. The first man who gets this message and comes directly into my private office will be placed on one of my ships as operator.'"—*Nat'l Canvas Goods M'r's Review*.

ORIGIN—Gold Brick—34

The most famous of swindles, the gold-brick game is believed to have been devised by Reed Waddell, Springfield, Ill.

Waddell brought to N Y in 1880 a chunk of lead, tripple-plated with gold, with a slug of solid gold sunk in the center. On one end of the brick were cut the letters "U S A" and the name of a U S assayer. At the other end were figures purporting to give weight and fineness of the metal. When

a sucker became suspicious, Waddell dug out the slug and suggested that it be analyzed. Of course it assayed pure gold.

The 1st brick sold for \$4,000. Many others brought around \$3,000. Waddell is said to have made \$250,000 from the swindle in 10 yrs.—HERBERT ASBURY, *Argosy*.

PEACE—35

Perhaps the reason this is a problem world is that we have so many problem people. To have peace in our world we have got to get peace in our minds.—REV NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, radio minister.

POLITICS—36

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong.—DANIEL O'CONNELL.

PRIDE—37

Don't let your pride get inflated—you may have to swallow it some day. — HARRY W NEWTON, *Agency*.

PROGRESS—38

You can't do today's job with yesterday's tools and be in business tomorrow. — HELEN MACKINTOSH, "We Are Teaching the Three R's," *NEA Jnl*, 11-'50.

RACE—Prejudice—39

A friend of mine got tired of hearing a certain man say, "Isn't that just like a Jew?" The next time he heard the question my friend repl'd with another: "Which Jew do you mean, Shylock or Christ?"—ROB'T W MOORE, *Negro Digest*.

RUSSIA—Military—40

Russia now has 4,500,000 men under arms. The annual conscription quota is about 1,300,000. The trained reserve which can be called up at from 30 to 60 days' notice is 14,000,000. Most of these are land forces. The figures do not include any satellites.—*Intelligence Digest*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—41

It sometimes takes an elderly person 30 sec's to cross a 90-ft intersection. In that length of time an auto traveling 30 m p h covers 1,320 ft. — Judy's *Quarterly Spectator*.

SALESMANSHIP—42

Salesmanship consists in having the goods; being enthusiastic about them; telling your story to the

prospect sincerely and in the fewest possible words; feeling deep down inside that you are rendering him a service rather than being interested only in getting his money. — JERRY FLEISHMAN, "The Real Boss of Business," *Red Barrel*, 12-'50.

SECURITY—43

The security of any nation lies not in its material strength alone but in its strength of character, ideals and standards.—WALTER F WAGNER, Hollywood producer, "Donald Duck & Diplomacy," *Public Opinion Qtly*, Fall '50.

the steps to the throne he stumbled and fell heavily, having the presence of mind, however, to declare: "And here I am naturally at the feet of your majesty."—*La Femme et la Vie*, Paris. (QUOTE translation)

TAXES—49

Treasury issues new "easy to read" pamphlet on income tax. What we need is something that will make it easy to pay.—*Springfield Republican*.

TELEVISION—50

A nation-wide survey conducted by Woodbury College of Los Angeles shows that, without exception, cities that have television are showing a decrease in adult night class attendance. Cities without television are still showing an increase.—*Education Digest*.

WAR—51

War has proved to have been the proximate cause of the breakdown of every civilization.—ARNOLD J TOYNBEE, *War & Civilization*. (Oxford Press)

WAR—Peace—52

No dictator, no matter how absolute, can frankly confess that he is seeking to lead his people into war . . . Because men do everywhere genuinely, fervidly love and long for peace.—Rabbi MAURICE N EISENDRATH, "Truths in an Atomic Era," *American Hebrew*, 1-5-'51.

WOMEN—53

A clubwoman is a woman with a club, which she uses to batter down intolerance, combat ignorance, and police up community untidiness.—EUDORA HAWKINS, *Ind Clubwoman*.

WORSHIP—54

The room you enter, be it windowed with stained glass or not, is a place of worship, if in it you can think kindly of your fellow man and his brother. Belief in God is good, whether you practice it in church, a synagogue or a shrine . . . tell it to the trees, or better still, buy a meal for a fellow who's hungry.—GEO JESSEL, actor, quoted by FRANK CULLEN, *American Hebrew*.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

FRANK LAUSCHE
Gov of Ohio

I had just finished a speech which called for detailed statistics; a particular project had cost the state \$1,246,421; a certain dept was operating on a '50 budget of \$18,946,221.24. As I was leaving the hall my brother Bill nosed alongside me and quietly inq'd:

"How is it, Frank, that you can rattle off those statistics like snapping your fingers but it takes you 5 min's to figure out the answer when I ask you what you just scored on a particular golf hole?"—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Poise: A state of mind engendered by the possession of five or six \$10 bills.—*Lookout.*

Prof Henri Mondor claims that more twins are being born now than ever before. He adds: "Considering what has happened in the world, it is not surprising babies become less and less anxious to adventure there alone."—*Paris Match.* (Quoted translation)

Men, like tacks, are useful if they have good heads and are pointed in the right direction.—*Gilcrafter, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.*

A small boy was watching a telephone repair man on a pole connect a test set and try the connection with the test board. After listening a few min's the youngster rushed into the house screaming, "Mama, come out here quick! There's a man on a telephone pole talking to Heaven."

"What makes you think he's talking to Heaven?"

"Because he hollered, 'Hello! Hello! Hello! Good Lord! What's the matter up there? Can't anyone hear?'"—*Santa Fe Mag, hm, Santa Fe Ry.*

At the boarding house where Calvin Coolidge lived while attending Amherst, another resident was a large and very black cat whose favorite sleeping place was on a window-seat in the dining room.

One evening the waitress deposited a plate of hash in front of each student. Coolidge eyed his portion, then turned deliberately to the window. The seat was empty. Eying the waitress speculatively, he commanded: "Bring me the cat!"

The bewildered girl went in search of the animal. When finally it was found and duly presented, Coolidge turned contentedly to the hash.—*Pure Oil News, hm, Pure Oil Co.*

It looks like the next world series will be between the Yanks and the Reds.—Pathfinder.

A tall cowboy, 10-gal hat and all, was sauntering around a large dept store. The salesgirl asked him if she could be of assistance.

"No, ma'am," he repl'd. "I reckon not. I ain't never seen so many things I could do without."—*L & N Mag, hm, L & N Ry.*

A middle-west draftee claimed exemption on grounds of poor eyesight and brought his wife as evidence.—Woodmen of the World Mag.

Old Batch Stafford, the thrifty mountaineer, had long been dividing his att'n's between skinny Elviry and buxom Matilda, the village spinsters. One day a tipsy town loafer said: "When are you going to make your mind up twixt them two gals, Batch?"

"Cain't say," repl'd the thrifty bachelor. "Matilda's bigger and stouter and can do more work. Still, on the other hand, it only takes 3 yds of calico to make Elviry a dress." — *United Mine Workers Jnl.*

A dr wrote out a prescription in the usual illegible hand. The patient must have recovered quickly because he did not get it filled. In due time he forgot what the little piece of paper in his card case was.

The patient used it for 2 yrs as a railroad pass. Twice it got him into Radio Music Hall and once into Ebbets Field for a ball game. It came in handy as a letter from his employer to the cashier to increase his salary. To cap the climax, his daughter played it on the piano and won a scholarship to a conservatory of music.—*Capper's Wkly.*

Confidence: *The feeling you have before you know better.*—*Kalends of the Waverly Press, hm, Williams & Wilkins Co.*

Life in the capital seemed confusing to Michael DiSalle, who was sworn in recently as the new price-control chief. "What surprises me most," he told a friend, "is that half the people I meet are people who do the thinking for someone else."—*Newsweek.*

More cigaret lighters would work if they took their feet off the desk.—*Woonsocket Call.*

The well-premedicated patient exclaimed during cholecystectomy under spinal anesthesia: "Oh, I feel wonderful! I suppose people feel like this when they're drunk, doctor?"

"I don't know," repl'd the anesthesiologist. "I never had a splen."—*AMA Jnl.*

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.—*Friendly Thoughts.*

A small girl asked her mother to explain the word vice to her. Mother was a little taken back but explained that vice was being naughty. "Why did you want to know, dear?" she asked.

"Well, I was just elected vice-president of my class at school."—*H J Haskell, Kas City Star.*



Sandy joined a golf club, and was told by the professional that if his name was on his golf balls and they were lost, they would be ret'd to him when found.

"Good," said the Scot. "Put my name on this ball." The pro did so.

"Would you also put MD after it?" asked the new member. "I'm a dr." The pro obeyed.

"Now just 1 more thing," went on the Scot. "Can ye squeeze 'Hrs 10 to 3' on as well?" — *For'gn Service.*

An old saw revamped: "I don't have any etchings, but, if you like, you can come up and see the handwriting on the wall." — *CEDRIC ADAMS, Minneapolis Tribune.*

Nobody knows the age of the human race, but all agree that it is old enough to know better.

— *Carbuilder, hm, Pullman-Standard Mfg Co.*

The club bore was telling for the 20th time about his trip to India and what he saw there.

"You can believe what you like," he said, "but I can tell you some of those fakirs can throw a rope into the air, then climb up it themselves and completely disappear."

After a short silence a member inquired with a yawn: "Can't by any chance do the trick yourself?" — *Demokraten.* (Aarhus, Den.)

Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head. — *Locomotive, hm, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Ins Co.*

Behind the iron curtain, in a school in Budapest, the little boy had just told the story of the fox and the crow, and had said, "And God, to punish the crow for his vanity, made him lose the cheese."

The instructor was indignant: "Don't you know that God no longer exists in Hungary?"

The child looked at the teacher sadly, "Well, what about cheese? Does that exist here any more?" — *France Amerique, N. Y.* (QUOTE translation)

A favorite story of Walter Damrosch, the orchestra conductor who died recently, concerns Lotte Lehmann in the role of *Lenore*.

In this opera, Lenore lyrically offers the tenor, her husband, some dry bread which she has brought to him in prison.

Miss Lehmann, on this occasion, tried 3 times to make the presentation, but the tenor was so near-sighted he failed to see the bread. Finally, the artist in desperation sang, "What is wrong? Do you want it buttered?"

Many a self-made man might have done better if he had let out the contract. — *Trade-Aid Bulletin, hm, Providence Jnl Bulletin.*

Johnny was gazing at his baby brother who lay squealing and wailing in his cot.

"Has he come from heaven?" inq'd Johnny.

"Yes, dear."

"No wonder they put him out." — *Arkansas Baptist.*

The war so long cold is now Peiping-hot. — *Pathfinder.*

A father said to his daughter, "Your young man approached me and asked for your hand and I consented."

"But, father," cried the daughter, "I don't wish to leave mother."

"Such feeling displayed by a child is admirable," said the father. "Then take your mother with you." — *Zartonk.* (Beirut, Lebanon)

A scandal is a breeze stirred up by a couple of windbags. — *Drug Progress.*

A lad from Ark was drafted. His sgt warned him that he would be expected to don a clean pr of socks every morning. A wk later the sgt descended upon him at company drill and hollered, "Where are your shoes?"

The distressed pvt protested, "Gee whiz, Sarge, how do you expect me to get 'em on over seven prs of socks?" — *BENNETT CERF, King Features Syndicate.*

EFFICIENCY: New adding machine device mounted on individual market basket enables shoppers to tabulate each item as taken from shelves. An aid for the shopper, not a substitute for checker. (Richmond Times-Dispatch)

FOOD: Oven Barbecue, easy to use and install, consists of set of 2 chromed steel brackets which slip onto any normal roasting pan, and 18-in chromed steel pit. Meat shrinkage is reduced . . . unnecessary to baste or turn meat. \$1.95. Shepard & Co., Los Angeles, Cal. (Advance, hm, Advance Pub Co.)

OFFICE AIDS: New stapler built on electric eye principle is available. Papers to be stapled inserted under stapler are fastened together automatically. (Horizons, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's)

SPEECH-AIDS: Portable lectern built in shape of brief case contains a speaking stand, adjustable floor lamp, and space for notes and books. Speaker's Equipment Co., Milwaukee, Wis. (Newsweek)

SUN LAMP: Sun Lamp that weighs 10 oz and fits into pocket is sold by Cooper-Hewitt Electric Co., Hoboken, N. J. (Business Wk)

TIMEPIECES: Atomic clock unaffected by any known factor, including humidity, is being perfected by Nat'l Physical Lab in Delhi. (News From India)

WRITING-AIDS: Mechanical pencil has 2-in wide, 36-in long roll of memo paper concealed in barrel; or roll of postage stamps may be substituted for memo paper. Refills available. A H Walter Co. (Science News Letter)

Quote CALENDAR

March 1-31—Red Cross Mo

February 25

1682—b Giovanni Morgagni, Italian physician, founder of pathology
 1778—b Jose de San Martin, S American soldier, statesman
 1779—Capture of Vincennes by George Rogers Clark
 1841—b Pierre Renoir, French artist
 1852—d Thos Moore, Irish poet
 1866—b Benedetto Croce, Italian philosopher, statesman, critic
 1873—b Enrico Caruso, Italian tenor
 1888—b John Foster Dulles, U.S. delegate to UN Gen'l Assembly
 1948—Communists gain complete control of Czechoslovak govt
 1951—Red Cross Sunday

February 26

1564—b Christopher Marlowe, English dramatist
 1723—d Christopher Wren, English architect
 1802—b Victor Hugo, French author
 1846—b Wm (Buffalo Bill) Cody, American frontiersman, showman

February 27

1735—d John Arbuthnot, English physician, essayist
 1807—b Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet
 1848—b Ellen Terry, English actress
 1850—b Henry Edwards Huntington, American capitalist, art collector
 1906—d Sam'l Pierpont Langley, American astronomer, physicist
 1936—d Ivan Pavlov, Russian physiologist

February 28

1533—b Michel de Montaigne, French essayist, philosopher
 1797—b Mary Lyon, American educator
 1820—b Sir John Tenniel, English humorist, satirical artist
 1821—b Rachel, French actress
 1916—d Henry James, novelist

March 1

1847—b Wm Dean Howells, novelist
 1848—b Augustus St-Gaudens, American sculptor
 1867—Nebr admitted to Union

March 2

1769—b DeWitt Clinton, American statesman, lawyer
 1791—d John Wesley, English preacher, founder of Methodism
 1793—b Sam'l Houston, American gen'l, statesman
 1810—b Pope Leo XIII
 1876—b Pope Pius XII, elected Pope 1939
 1890—b Paul de Kruif, American bacteriologist, author

March 3

1843—d David Porter, American naval officer
 1845—Fla admitted to Union
 1847—b Alexander Graham Bell, Scottish-born American inventor
 1851—U. S. instituted new low postage rates
 1853—b Vincent Van Gogh, Dutch painter
 1873—b Wm Green, American labor leader
 1921—d Champ Clark, American politician
 * Indicates relevant mat'l on this page.
 See also *Pathways to the Past*, Conscience, 13.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL*

It is told that Mark Twain once met in the st a tall man with kindly eyes and an eager face who carried a "strange contraption" under his arm. Yes, it was an invention, and the man explained it to the humorist, who listened politely and then said that more than one fortune had been lost in "harebrained schemes."

"But I'm not asking you to invest a fortune," exclaimed the man. "You can have as large a share as you want—for \$500."

Twain smiled and shook his head. The tall man started on his way.

"What did you say your name was?" Twain called after him.

"Bell," repl'd the inventor. "Alexander Graham Bell."—*Chain Gang*, hm, Diamond Chain Co.

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Go and Pray

My daughter, go and pray—the night draws near,
 Thru clouds a golden planet doth appear,
 The outline of the hills now fades away . . .

Day is for evil, hate, fatigue, and harm.

Pray! Night is come, Night that is grave and calm.

Old herdsmen, blasts that thru torn turrets rove,

The lakes, the flocks, with shrill discordant call,

All suffer, all complain, in Nature all

Have need of sleep, have need of prayer and love.—VICTOR HUGO.

BENEDETTO CROCE*

We shall not understand the history of men and of other times unless we ourselves are alive to the requirements which that history satisfied.

WM DEAN HOWELLS*

The book which you read from a sense of duty, or because for any reason you must, does not commonly make friends with you. It may happen that it will yield you an unexpected delight, but this will be in its own unentreated way, and in spite of your good intentions.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW*

A synopsis of Longfellow's narrative poem, as related by a 12-yr-old scholar: "Evangeline was a very pretty girl. She had a boy friend. And later she had to leave town."—*This Wk*.

VINCENT VAN GOGH*

It is no more easy to make a good picture than it is to find a diamond or a pearl; it means trouble and you risk your life for it.

JOHN WESLEY*

A wagon load of Methodists were brought before the magistrate at Epworth, according to John Wesley. "What have they done?" asked the magistrate. That was a point the prosecution had not considered.

Then said one: "Please, sir, they converted my wife. Before she went among them, she had such a tongue! But now she is quiet as a lamb!"

"Take them back," said the magistrate, "and let them convert all the scolds in the parish."—*Watchman-Examiner*.



